

South Chichester County Local Committee

22 May 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Mark Dunn, Member for Bourne; Louise Goldsmith, Member for Chichester West; Mike Hall (Chairman), Member for Chichester North; Pieter Montyn, Member for The Witterings; Andrew Smith, Member for Chichester East and Margaret Whitehead (Vice Chairman), Member for Chichester South.

Welcome and Introductions

1. The Chairman noted apologies from Peter Jones, Member for Selsey and introduced Duncan Barratt, Community and Economic Development Manager; Clive Coleman, Assistant Democratic Services Officer; Dan Sanders, Principal Community Safety Officer and Suzanne Thompson, Democratic Services Officer.

Election of Chairman

2. Ms. Goldsmith nominated Mr Hall as Chairman. Mr Dunn seconded the nomination and with the agreement of the Committee Mr Hall was elected Chairman of the South Chichester County Local Committee for the municipal year 2012/13.

Declaration of Interests

3. There were none.

Minutes

4. Resolved that: with the amendment of minute 93; to replace the words 'Oving Town Council' with 'Earnley Parish Council' the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2012 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

5. The Chairman noted that four petitions regarding traffic issues had been drawn up by Westhampnett, Westbourne, Forestside and West Broyle residents since the last meeting. Mr Hall highlighted that following his Notice of Motion to the County Council in 2009 and a decision at County Council in 2010 the CLCs had the option to over-ride the County Council's Speed Limit Policy in order to promote a 30mph limit in villages with an existing 40mph limit.

Progress Report

6. The Committee noted the report.

20s Plenty

7. Mr Sanders introduced the report by the Director of Operations, Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman invited

comments and questions from members of the public: The Chairman of the 20s Plenty campaign group thanked the Committee for its cooperation in bringing the scheme forward but requested that the consultation document be edited to give a more positive representation of the benefits that speed reduction in minor roads would bring to the City. The Chairman explained the need for the consultation document to retain its impartiality.

8. The Committee considered the extent of the proposed 20mph zone. Mr Smith reported responses from local residents and requested that the whole of Oving Road be included in the proposals. The Committee agreed:

1. Option 1, which proposes a 20mph speed limit on all streets except A and B classified roads in Chichester as set out in Appendix A with the addition of Oving road in its entirety;
2. the use of up to £11,000 of S106 monies for the consultation exercise; and that
3. the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders for Option 1 as shown in Appendix A and report back to the committee with the results of the consultation at the meeting in November.

talk with us (Open Forum)

9. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents; responses were as follows:

- The Chairman of Westbourne Parish Council requested attendance by a CLC representative at a meeting on 26 June to discuss the protection of 'strategic gaps' now termed 'green spaces'. *Mr Dunn said that he was aware of the concerns on this issue and undertook to attend.*
- The Chairman of the Eartham Parish Meeting questioned whether resurfacing of roads was being undertaken before potholes had been filled in and whether the surfacing was just a top dressing rather than a structural repair. *Mr Montyn assured residents that it was the latter and invited the Chairman of the Parish Meeting to report the areas felt still to be potholed so that an engineer could investigate.*
- A resident questioned whether the Committee was aware that bus services were used by very few people until 09.30am and suggested that those with a bus pass could voluntarily pay £10 per year to be able to use bus services at anytime which would suit them and help to make bus services more viable. It was suggested that then public transport costs could be further saved by reducing local bus services between 0900 and 1600 by 50%. *Mr Montyn explained that a voluntary payment scheme to extend bus passes would be outside the remit of the County Council and also that the County Council only controlled a quarter of the bus routes in the County, the rest being in commercial hands and therefore outside of the control of the Council. Mr Montyn also went on to highlight the extensive consultative and rationalising work that had been done recently to ensure the routes that the Council do operate function as cheaply and effectively as possible.*

- A representative of Tangmere Parish Council questioned the progress of a proposed cycle way in the Blenheim Park area. *Mr Sanders undertook to take this back and report back to the Committee*
- A representative of Westbourne Parish Council sought assurance that recently erected tourist signs in his area were genuine. *Mr Sanders undertook to investigate and report back to the Committee.*
- Residents asked when the requests for speed limit reductions in Westhampnett and West Broyle, the subject of the recently submitted petitions, might be considered. *The Chairman said that letters would be sent to the lead petitioners explaining the next steps.*
- A resident questioned the traffic regulation order consultation process noting that schemes were being considered for his area in Little Breach but that he had not been consulted. *Mr Sanders undertook to raise this issue with the Parking Strategy Team and to meet with the resident.*
- A resident thanked the Committee for its support in addressing traffic issues around Rumboldswyke School.
- A resident asked which authority was responsible for verge cutting. *Mr Montyn explained the County Council's responsibility and undertook to confirm the details outside of the meeting.*

Community Initiative Funding

10. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes) which set out seven bids for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the merits of the projects for which funding was sought and allocated funding as follows:

1. 1708/SC Sports Dream. Requested £2,000, part-funding for the erection of recreation ground lighting. Awarded £1,000.
2. 1781/SC Selsey and District Carers Support Group. Requested £2,000, creation of a respite bank for carers. The Committee declined to fund this bid as it considered the request to be for running costs which are outside the criteria for Community Initiative Funding (CIF). It was noted, however, that this Group have a bid coming forward to the Committee's next meeting for an Adults Health and Well Being Grant.
3. 1856/SC Selsey Festival. Requested £500, towards printing costs for 5,000 copies of the Festival brochure. Awarded £500.
4. 1859/SC Chichester Community Car Club. Requested £2,310, towards set-up and promotional costs. Awarded £1,500.
5. 1860/SC Chichester Festivities. Requested £5,000, towards design, print and distribution costs. Awarded £750.

6. 1868/SC, Westbourne Parish Council. Requested £400, towards the purchase and mounting of a community noticeboard. Awarded £400.

7. 1869/SC, Revelation Church/City Angels. Requested £1,335 for various itemised costs towards the Friday night coffee bar project. Awarded £1,335 with the proviso that the award is used to purchase equipment rather than consumables which are outside the criteria of the CIF.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

11. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman emphasised the importance of the school governor role and drew attention to the vacancies at schools listed in Appendix A, inviting anyone present with an interest in becoming a governor to contact him. The Committee appointed and reappointed authority school governors as follows:

Appointment:

- i. Mr T Kenealy to Thorney Island School for a four year term

Re-appointment:

- ii. Mr M Scott to Singleton Primary School for a two year term
- iii. Mrs MJ Wilkinson to Federated Governing Body St Anthony's and Littlegreen school for a four year term
- iv. Mr CI Boxall to St Richard's Catholic Primary for a four year term
- v. Mrs M Carrigan to Jessie Younghusband School for a four year term
- vi. Miss L Isaac to Kingsham Primary School for a four year term
- vii. Dr Green to East Wittering Community Primary School for a four year term

Date of Next Meeting

12. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 10 July 2012 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall.

13. The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chairman